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SUBJECT: IRON ORE PRODUCERS/EXPORTERS MEETING

1. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS GROUP OF IRON ORE PRODUCERS AND/OR EXPORTERS ("CARACAS GROUP") PLANS TO MEET IN GENEVA TOWARD END OF MARCH. WE UNDERSTAND FURTHER THAT THIS WILL BE SEVENTH MEETING OF THIS INFORMAL GROUP, LAST ONE BEING IN ALGERIA IN JULY 1973. MEETING REPORTEDLY PLANS DISCUSS IRON ORE PRICES, AND SHIPPING RATES (POSSIBLY WITH VIEW TO EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES OF LOWERED SHIPPING RATES).

2. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY INFORMS US GOA WILL PROBABLY SEND OBSERVER TO GENEVA MEETING INASMUCH AS AUSTRALIAN OBSERVER PRESENT AT ALGERIA MEETING (WHICH AUSTRALIANS TERMED "POORLY ATTENDED," WITH NUMBER OF MAJOR IRON ORE PRODUCERS, INCLUDING BRAZIL AND VENEZUELA, ABSENT).

3. CANADIAN EMBASSY INFORMS US GOC HAS ALSO BEEN INVITED AND WILL ATTEND GENEVA MEETING IN OBSERVER STATUS, WHICH WILL MARK FIRST CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS OF THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GROUP.

4. DEPARTMENT WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION
MISSION ABLE DEVELOP ON THIS MEETING, INCLUDING PURPOSE,
AGENDA, PARTICIPATION, ETC. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE REPORT
ON OUTCOME OF MEETING. KISSINGER

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